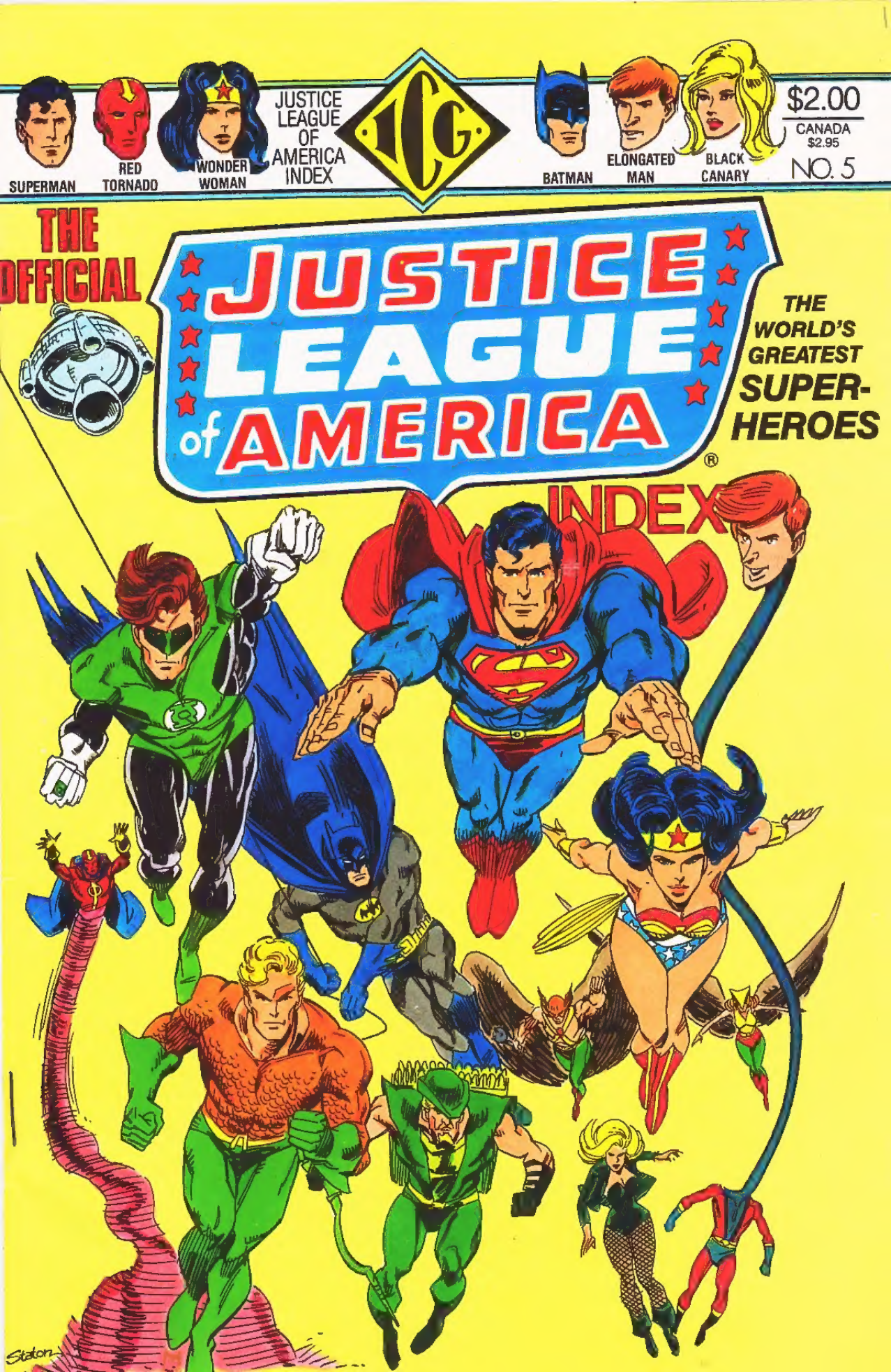
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Justice League of America #131
June 1976

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STORY

"The Beasts Who Thought Like Men" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Aquaman, Atom, Hawkman, and **Elongated Man**

Villains

Sonar (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #25; disguised as Prof. Dunkirk, a STAR scientist; true identity revealed in next issue)

Zazzala the Queen Bee (last seen in *Action Comics* #443)

Other Characters

The U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, a Pentagon official, and **various citizens affected by the insanity plague** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Comments

Batman, Black Canary, Green Arrow, Green Lantern, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

When a plague of insanity, carried on the special paper used in the manufacture of money, strikes America, a STAR scientist invents a special credit card, containing a personalized sonic code, to replace normal currency, while the Justice League heroes help contain rampaging plague victims. But the sonic cards create an even worse plague, which cause humans to exhibit animal behavior and animals to gain human intelligence.

Superman, Flash, Hawkman, and Aquaman fall victim to an attack on New York City by intelligent bees, who have the Queen Bee, the JLA's former foe, in their mental thrall. At the same time, Elongated Man and Atom investigate Prof. Dunkirk, creator of the credits cards.

Justice League of America #132
July 1976

Cover Credits

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STORY

"The Beasts Who Fought Like Men" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, and **Elongated Man**

Guest Star

Supergirl (last seen in *Superman Family* #177)

Villains

Sonar (appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #105)

Zazzala the Queen Bee (appears next in the Wonder Woman story in *Adventure Comics* #463)

Comments

Aquaman (who is heard but not seen), Atom, Elongated Man, Flash, and Hawkman appear only briefly in this story.

The story continues in part in the next issue.

Synopsis

Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, Batman, Green Arrow, and Black Canary defeat the bee swarm, only to be beaten in turn by Sonar, who had been Professor Dunkirk in disguise, and who had already waylaid Atom and Elongated Man.

Sonar is forced to stage a hasty retreat at the intervention of Supergirl, who seeks the Justice League's aid in locating a missing Superman. Before that problem can be solved, however, she must team with Wonder Woman and Black Canary to battle a revitalized bee swarm now under the Queen Bee's command, while the other heroes capture Sonar.

Justice League of America #133

August 1976

Cover Credits

Artist: **Ernie Chan** (Signed)
Letterer: **John Workman**

STORY

"Missing—One Man of Steel" (17 Pages)
Chapter 1: "All the World a Stage. . ."
Chapter 2: "When Heroes Fall"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, and **Elongated Man.**

Villains

Despero (last seen in issue #26)
Flamebirds (first and only appearance to date; creatures of planet Sirkus)

Guest Appearance

Supergirl

Other Characters

Director Eragon, Governor Kwim, and **actresses portraying Aquaman, Flash, Green Lantern,** and **Wonder Woman** (first and only appearance of all to date; all inhabitants of planet Sirkus)

Comments

The real Justice League members (except Superman, who appears throughout) appear only briefly in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

The rulers of the planet Sirkus are under attack by flamebird-creatures commanded by Despero. Unable to summon the entire JLA to their aid, they have kidnapped Superman, and given him as fighting companions a group of Sirkusians disguised as the other League members. However, when the fake JLA "heroes" are easily overcome, Superman, who believes them to be his real comrades, is demoralized and is also beaten.

Justice League of America #134
September 1976

Cover Credits

Artist: **Ernie Chan** (Signed)
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STORY

"The Battle at the Edge of Forever" (17 Pages)
Chapter 1: "The Enemy Unknown"
Chapter 2: "The War Which Wouldn't End"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Atom, Hawkman, and **Elongated Man**

Guest Star

Supergirl (appears next in *Superman Family* #180)

Villains

Despero (appears next in issue #177)
Albon and **Nordon** (first and only appearance of both to date; the last of the Krill, an alien race)

Comments

Superman appears only briefly in this story.
Aquaman, Black Canary, Flash, Green Arrow, and Green Lantern do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Albon and Nordon, two survivors of a dead alien race, are observers of Supergirl and the Justice League's quest for the missing Superman. To satisfy their own curiosity, they bring the JLA and Despero together for a final battle.

Once the combatants realize they are being manipulated by an outside force, Supergirl is able to trick the aliens into allowing the super-heroes to depart with Despero as their captive, and they return to Earth together with a revived Superman.

Justice League of America #135
October 1976

Cover Credits

Artist: **Ernie Chan** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Crisis in Eternity" (17 Pages)
Chapter 1: "Gather Ye Heroes While Ye May"
Chapter 2: "Crisis on a Lost Continent"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotters, scripters: **E. Nelson Bridwell** and **Martin Pasko**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Hawkman, and **Black Canary**

Guest Stars

Batman of Earth-2 (last seen in issue #82)
Robin of Earth-2 (last seen in *All-Star Comics* #59)
Flash of Earth-2 and **Green Lantern of Earth-2** (both last seen in *All-Star Comics* #63)
Wonder Woman of Earth-2 and **Johnny Thunder** (both last seen in issue #124; teamed with the above four heroes as the Justice Society of America)
Bulletman (Jim "Bullet" Barr; first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Master Comics* #106; last chronological appearance behind the scenes in *Shazam!* #1)
Bulletgirl (Susan Kent Barr; marriage to Jim Barr revealed in this story; first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Master Comics* #106; last chronological appearance behind the scenes in *Shazam!* #1)
Ibis the Invincible (Amentep; first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Danger and Adventure* #22; last chronological appearance behind the scenes in *Shazam!* #1)
Mr. Scarlet (Brian Butler; first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Wow Comics* #69; last chronological appearance behind the scenes in *Shazam!* #1)
Pinky ("Pinky" Butler; first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Wow Comics*

#69; last chronological appearance behind the scenes in *Shazam!* #1)

Spy Smasher (Alan Armstrong; formerly Crime Smasher; resumes original name in this story; first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Crime Smasher* #1; last chronological appearance behind the scenes in *Shazam!* #1; first teamed with the above five characters as the Squadron of Justice of Earth-S in this story)

Hawkgirl (last seen in the Hawkman story in *Detective Comics* #455)

Shazam (last seen in *Shazam!* #25)

Mercury and **the gods of Eternity** (first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Captain Marvel Adventures* #150)

Villains

King Kull (first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Captain Marvel Adventures* #149; origin retold)

Queen Clea of Atlantis (of Earth-2) and **her subjects** (first modern appearance of all; all last seen in *Wonder Woman* #28; no further appearances to date)

Penguin (in between *Batman* #257 and 287)

Ibac (in between *Shazam!* #14 and 29)

Blockbuster (last seen in *Batman* #194; appears next in *Detective Comics* #473)

Guest Appearance

Princess Taia (Ibis's girlfriend; first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Danger and Adventure* #22; last chronological appearance behind the scenes in *Shazam!* #1)

Comments

The Justice Society of America was last seen in *All-Star Comics* #59.

Black Canary appears only briefly in this story.

Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Elongated Man, and Wonder Woman (of Earth-1) do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

In the Earth-S universe, home of Captain Marvel and other super-heroes, the brutish King Kull invades and takes over the Rock of Eternity, dwelling-place of the gods. Only the swift Mercury escapes the attack, and the wizard Shazam (whose spirit inhabits the Rock since his earthly demise) telepathically instructs him to gather heroes from Earth-1, Earth-2, and Earth-S to battle Kull's allies on three worlds.

Superman teams up with Wonder Woman of Earth-2 to stop Blockbuster and Queen Clea of Atlantis, while Green Arrow and Spy Smasher battle Ibac and the Penguin, thus halting Kull's plan to obliterate humanity on Earth-2.

Justice League of America #136

November 1976

Cover Credits

Artists: **Ernie Chan** (penciler) and **Frank Giacoia** (inker)
Letterer: **John Workman**

STORY

"**Crisis on Earth-S**" (17 Pages)
Chapter 3: "The Volcano Connection"
Chapter 4: "The Sting of Laughter . . . the Splash of Tears"
Chapter 5: "Chaos in Chiaroscuro"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotters, scripters: **E. Nelson Bridwell** and **Martin Pasko**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Character

Hawkman

Guest Stars

Hawkgirl
Batman of Earth-2 and **Robin of Earth-2**
Bulletman and **Bulletgirl**
Mr. Scarlet and **Pinky**

Villains

King Kull

The Joker of Earth-2 (first modern appearance; appears next in the Huntress story in *Wonder Woman* #289)

The Weeper (first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; possible last chronological appearance behind the scenes in *Shazam!* #1; an Earth-S foe of Bulletman; no further appearances to date)

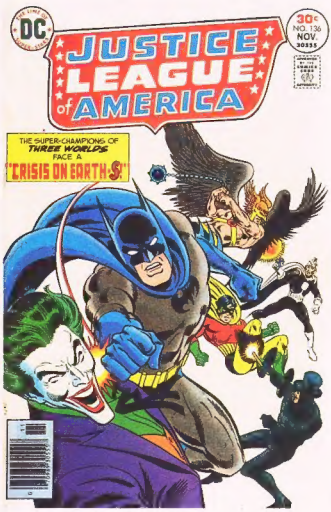
Shade (last seen in issue #136; appears next in issue #183)

Dr. Light (last seen in *The Flash* #223; appears next in *Teen Titans* #44)

Guest Appearances

Billy Batson (last seen in *Shazam!* #25)

Mary Batson and Freddy Freeman (both last seen in *Shazam!* #20)
Shazam
Johnny Thunder



Other Characters

Canadian citizens of Earth-S (first and only appearance to date; Harry and Muriel named in the story)

Comments

The Justice League members (except Hawkman, who appears throughout) do not appear in this story.
The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

With the powers of the gods inactivated, Shazam's magic lightning no longer transforms Billy and Mary Batson, and Freddy Freeman into the Marvel Family, so the newly recruited heroes of the JLA, JSA, and Squadron of Justice must act in their stead to save Earth-S. Batman and Robin of Earth-2 and Mr. Scarlet and Pinky overcome the Earth-2 Joker and the Weeper, while Hawkman and Hawkgirl team with Bulletman and Bulletgirl to defeat Dr. Light and the Shade.

Justice League of America #137
December 1976

Cover Credits

Artists: Ernie Chan (penciler; Signed) and Frank Mclaughlin (inker)
Letterer: Joe Letterese

STORY

"Crisis in Tomorrow" (17 Pages)
Chapter 6: "The Odds Against Tomorrow"
Chapter 7: "Death is a Green-Skinned Computer"
Chapter 8: "When Titans Clash"

Credits

Editor, plotter: Julius Schwartz
Plotters, scripters: E. Nelson Bridwell and Martin Pasko
Penciler: Dick Dillin
Inker: Frank McLaughlin
Letterer: Milton Snapinn

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, and Hawkman

Guest Stars

Captain Marvel, Captain Marvel, Jr., and Mary Marvel (all appear next in *Shazam!* #26)
Mercury (appears next in *Shazam!* #26)
Ibis the Invincible (no further appearances to date)

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Flash of Earth-2 and **Green Lantern of Earth-2** (both appear next in *All-Star Comics* #60)

Villains

King Kull (appears next in *Shazam!* #35)

Mr. Atom (first modern appearance and first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Captain Marvel Adventures* #90; a robot foe of Captain Marvel; appears next in *Shazam!* #33)

Brainiac (last seen in *Superman* #299; appears next in *Superman Spectacular* (*DC Special Series* #5))

Guest Appearances

Johnny Thunder (appears next in *All-Star Comics* #74) and his **Thunderbolt** (last seen in issue #124; appears next in issue #195)

Shazam (appears next in *Shazam!* #26)

Batman of Earth-2 and **Robin of Earth-2** (both appear next in *All-Star Comics* #66)

Wonder Woman of Earth-2 (appears next in *All-Star Comics* #69)

Bulletman and **Bulletgirl** (both appear next in the Shazam! story in *World's Finest Comics* #255)

Spy Smasher, Mr. Scarlet, and **Pinky** (no further appearances to date)

Hawkgirl (appears next in issue #143)

The gods of Eternity (all appear next in *Shazam!* #26)

Comments

The Justice Society of America appears next in *All-Star Comics* #60.

Green Arrow and Hawkman appear only briefly in this story.

Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Wonder Woman (of Earth-1) do not appear in this story.

The Justice League becomes involved in a bizarre baseball game against a team of super-villains in *DC Super-Stars* #10, following this story.

Synopsis

The battle continues on Earth-1, as the two Flashes and Mercury tackle the robotic Mr. Atom, and Ibis joins forces with the two Green Lanterns to fight Brainiac. Meanwhile, Johnny Thunder's Thunderbolt takes the magic lightning's place and revives the Marvel Family: Captain Marvel, Mary Marvel, and Captain Marvel, Jr.

The Marvels and the victorious JLA/JSA/SOJ heroes retake the Rock of Eternity, but not before Kull uses red kryptonite to turn Superman evil. Captain Marvel and Superman clash in a titanic struggle, which ends with a flash of Shazam lightning, curing Superman of the kryptonite's effects. Kull is captured at last, and the heroes return to their various Earths.

Justice League of America #138

January 1977

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams** (Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"Adam Strange — Puppet of Time" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Cary Bates**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, and **Aquaman**

Guest Stars

Adam Strange and **Alanna** (both last seen in issue #121)

Guest Appearance

Sardath (last seen in issue #121; appears next in *Showcase* #101)

Other Character

Green Lantern of Space Sector 2814 in the 73rd century (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

There is no villain in this story, as the Justice League battles a temporarily deranged Adam Strange.

Green Lantern, who does not appear in this story, is mistakenly depicted on the cover of this issue.

Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Green Arrow, and Hawkman also do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the first story in the next issue.

Synopsis

Adam Strange's residual Zeta-beam energy begins causing him to be teleported randomly into Earth's future eras (which explains his appearance on the cover of *The Flash* #210). While there, he believes himself to be battling a series of bizarre menaces, but actually the Zeta energy has warped his thinking so that he is unwittingly creating the threats he believes himself to be fighting.

Adam's wife, Alanna, seeks the Justice League's aid, and Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, and Flash follow Strange to Earth's 73rd century. With the aid of the alien Green Lantern of that time, they are able to keep Adam occupied battling them until the residual Zeta energy is used up and he returns to normal.

After Adam and Alanna are returned to Rann, and the JLA members return home, however, it is discovered that they must team up again to battle a new threat.

Justice League of America #139

February 1977

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams** (Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

FIRST STORY

"The Cosmic Conspiracy Against Adam Strange" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Cary Bates**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Hawkman, and **Black Canary**

Guest Star

Adam Strange (appears next in *Showcase* #100)

Villain

Kanjar Ro (last seen in issue #121; also disguised as Green Lantern of the 73rd century in this story; appears next in *Showcase* #101)

Guest Appearance

Alanna (appears next in *Showcase* #101)

Other Characters

Warriors of the 73rd century (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Adam and Elongated Man do not appear in this story.

The Justice League helps Batman battle the Calculator in *Detective Comics* #468 following this story.

Synopsis

Returning to their satellite headquarters after their adventure with Adam Strange, Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, and Flash find themselves transformed into invisible wraiths by Adam's excess Zeta energy. Adam follows them to Earth, and explains their situation to their fellow members just before the entire group must journey back to the 73rd century to battle an invading Kanjar Ro.

Flash returns to normal by unknown means and joins the "solid" members in combat with future Earthmen, whose technology enables them to duplicate the superheroes' powers and skills. But it is Adam who is able to duplicate the "cure," a form of Beta particles, and restore the other four heroes to join the battle and win. He also unmasks Kanjar Ro who is disguised as the future Green Lantern.

SECOND STORY

"The Ice Age Cometh" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, and **Elongated Man**

Villains

Captain Cold (last seen in *The Flash* #244; appears next in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #6)

Icicle (last seen in *All-Star Comics* #41; appears next in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #12)

Minister Blizzard (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #162; no further appearances to date)

Shadow-Thief (last seen in issue #111; appears next in *Showcase* #101)

Guest Appearance

Phantom Stranger (last seen in *Phantom Stranger* (second series) #41; appears next in issue #145)

Other Characters

Esteban Corazon (first and only appearance to date; president of Ecuador; character's name translates from Spanish as "Steven Heart," a pun of the name of author Steve Englehart)

A group of security guards (first and only appearance to date)

Comment

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

Their three cold-powered enemies, Captain Cold, the Icicle, and Minister Blizzard, take advantage of the Justice League's involvement with an encroaching Ice Age in Ecuador to go on a crime spree in Gotham City. Thinking the villains responsible for the weird weather conditions in South America, the JLA dispatches Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Arrow, and Black Canary to capture them.

It is Hawkman who eventually deduces that his old foe, the Shadow-Thief, whose dimensiometer device can also cause intense cold, is the true mastermind. With the last-minute aid of the Phantom Stranger, the League apprehends the Shadow-Thief and the cold-powered villains.

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March 1977

Cover Credits

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Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"No Man Escapes the Manhunter" (33 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, and **Black Canary**

Guest Star

Manhunter (Mark Shaw; not to be confused with Paul Kirk/Manhunter, or his cloned duplicates, or Dan Richards/Manhunter, or J'onn J'onzz, the Martian Manhunter, or Manhunter 2070; last seen in *First Issue Special* #5)

Villains

Grandmaster (last seen in *First Issue Special* #5; planetary leader of the Manhunters; the Manhunters are revealed as villains in the next issue)

Governor Tozad (first appearance; governor of planet Pinola; revealed as a Manhunter, and thus a villain, in this story)

Guest Appearance

A Guardian of the Universe (last seen, with his fellow Guardians, in *Green Lantern* (second series) #90)

Other Characters

Inhabitants of planet Pinola (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearance

A Magno-Saurus (as an illusion)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Elongated Man, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Special features include "100 Issues Ago in *Justice League of America*," which recaps scenes from issue #40).

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

In attempting to halt the threat of a magnetic moon, Green Lantern believes that he has actually destroyed an inhabited planet, and seeks the aid of his fellow Justice League members. Before they can hear him out, the Manhunter, Earthly agent of a corps of intergalactic bounty-hunters and law-enforcement operatives, defeats the assembled members, and takes GL into custody.

After a chase and further battle around the world and across space, the Justice League, with the help of one of the Guardians of the Universe, uncovers a plot by the Manhunter Corps and their Grandmaster leader to discredit the Green Lantern Corps and the Guardians through the use of illusions.

Justice League of America #141
April 1977

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Frank Springer** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

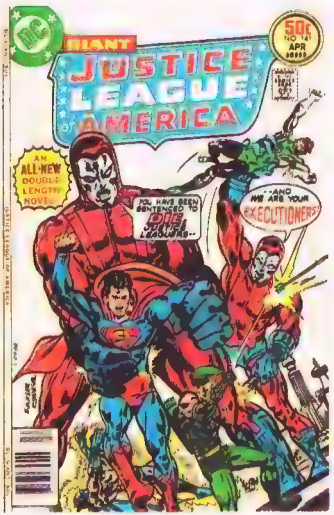
"No World Escapes the Manhunters" (33 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, and **Black Canary**



Guest Star

Manhunter (appears next, as the Privateer, in issue #143)

Villains

The Manhunters (androids created by the Guardians of the Universe; origin revealed in this story; no further appearances to date)

The Supermanhunter (first and only appearance to date; also called Project Kappa)

Grandmaster (revealed as an android and destroyed in this story)

Governor Tozad (no further appearances to date)

The Highmaster (supreme leader of the Manhunters and Grandmaster's superior) and **Belaq** (his aide; first and only appearance of both to date)

Manhunter Prime (last seen in *First Issue Special* #5; no further appearances to date)

Guest Appearances

A Guardian of the Universe (from previous issue) and a second **Guardian of the Universe** (last seen, with his fellow Guardians, in *Green Lantern* (second series) #90; both appear next, with their fellow Guardians, in *Green Lantern* (second series) #96)

Other Character

The Dharlu (last seen in issue #130; appears next in the Atom story in *Detective Comics* #489)

Comments

The origin of the Green Lantern Corps is retold in this story.

Aquaman, Atom, Elongated Man, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Special features include "100 Issues Ago in *Justice League of America*," which recaps scenes from issue #41.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

The Guardian reveals to Superman and Batman the origin of the Manhunters. They were the original android corps of intergalactic evil-fighters, before the establishment of the Green Lantern Corps. Meanwhile, Mark Shaw, the Earth Manhunter, again attacks Green Lantern, Green Arrow, and Black Canary on Earth, while the Grandmaster traps Wonder Woman and Flash aboard the Justice League's satellite.

The Justice League manages to defeat and change places with the Manhunter agents and so uncover their secret headquarters. When Shaw learns the truth about the organization, which had turned to evil centuries earlier, following an unsuccessful revolt against the Guardians, he changes sides and aids the Justice League against his former masters.

Justice League of America #142
May 1977

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"Return from Forever" (33 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Black Canary, and **Elongated Man**

Villains

The Construct (first appearance; an electronic intelligence; destroyed in this story, but appears next, as Construct II, in issue #143) and **his robots** (Cannon-One, Cannon-5, Cannon-12, and Cannon-22 named in this story; appear next, deactivated, in issue #146)

Guest Appearances

King Vulko (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #448; appears next in the second story in *Aquaman* #58)

The people of Poseidonis (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #448; appear next in *Aquaman* #60)

Other Characters

Willow (first and only appearance in a DC comic to date; last seen as Mantis in Marvel Comics' *Giant-Size Avengers* #4; a green-skinned woman from an alternate Earth; appears next as Lorelei in Eclipse Comics' *Scorpio Rose* #2)

Willow's unnamed mate (first and only appearance in a DC comic to date; last seen as a synthesis of the spirit of a Cotati and the body of the late Swordsman in Marvel Comics' *Giant-Size Avengers* #4)

Cameo Appearance

Manhunter (in flashback to previous issue)

Comments

Hawkman does not appear in this story.

Special features include "100 Issues Ago in *Justice League of America*," which recaps scenes from issue #42).

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

The Atom, Aquaman, and Elongated Man become involved in a case which takes place simultaneously with the other members' battle against the Manhunters.

The Construct, a mechanoid being whose intellect is a coalescence of Earth's electronically overloaded airwaves, has sent his robot henchmen, called Cannons, to apprehend Willow, a mysterious woman from an alternate Earth, who seeks the three heroes' help. While Aquaman and Elongated Man deal with the threat to the city of Miami, the Atom teams with Willow in a direct confrontation with the Construct. In the process, the Construct is apparently destroyed, the Atom learns the secret of Willow's past (which is strangely similar to the story of Mantis, a character from Marvel's Avengers), and he overcomes an inferiority complex which had undermined his fighting efficiency.

Justice League of America #143
June 1977

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"A Tale of Two Satellites" (33 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, and **Elongated Man**

Guest Star

Hawkgirl (last seen in the Hawkman story in *World's Finest Comics* #245; appears next in issue #145)

Villains

The Privateer (Mark Shaw; formerly Manhunter; last seen, as Manhunter, in issue #141; revealed as the Star-Tsar, and thus a villain, in issue #150; appears next in issue #149)

Construct II (the reincarnation of the Construct; destroyed again in this story, but appears next, as Construct III, in issue #146)

Scarecrow (last seen in issue #111; appears next in issue #158)

Chronos (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #220; appears next in issue #158)

Tattooed Man (last seen in issue #111; resumes original costume as of this story; appears next in issue #158)

Poison Ivy (last seen in issue #111; appears next in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #7)

Mirror Master (last seen in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #5; teamed with the above four villains as the Injustice Gang of the World; appears next in *The Flash* #254)

Comments

Superman is the chairman of the JLA meeting in this story. As of this story, the JLA chairmanship becomes an elected office, rather than a rotating position. Zatanna and Aquaman are not, however, the second and third members, respectively, to hold this position, as was incorrectly stated in the introduction in this index.

The Injustice Gang was last seen in issue #111 and appears next in issue #158. Their satellite headquarters is destroyed in this story.

The Justice League is taken in by a plot of Superman's foe, the Parasite, in *World's Finest Comics* #246 following this story.

Special features include "100 Issues Ago in *Justice League of America*," which recaps scenes from issue #43.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

A series of minor conflicts between Wonder Woman and other members of the Justice League comes to a head when the Amazon Princess quits the team in a huff. While the other heroes continue to argue over her departure, and almost disband the team as a result, she encounters the Privateer, a new costumed hero who is actually Mark Shaw, the former Manhunter. When the two inexplicably come to blows following an encounter with Batman's foes Scarecrow and Poison Ivy, the Privateer realizes that something is amiss, and contacts the Justice League for help.

Meanwhile, it is revealed that Wonder Woman's mind is controlled by the Construct, now reborn as Construct II after his defeat by the Atom, and this enemy is behind a reorganization of the Injustice Gang. Wonder Woman battles Superman for control of the JLA satellite, while the Construct sends a mesmerized Scarecrow, Poison Ivy, Mirror Master, Chronos, and Tattooed Man against the other JLA members. Reaffirming their team spirit, the heroes join forces again to defeat the Injustice Gang, and Wonder Woman is freed from the Construct's control.

Justice League of America #144

July 1977

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Frank McLaughlin** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **John Workman**

STORY

"The Origin of the Justice League – Minus One" (33 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

Superman (also appears in flashback sequence)

Green Lantern (also appears as Hal Jordan in flashback sequence)

Green Arrow

Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, and **Aquaman** (all appear in flashback sequence only)

J'onn J'onzz (origin retold; details revealed; appears in flashback sequence and in cameo as the narrator of a videotape only; his appearance in flashback is chronologically in between *Detective Comics* #264 and 265)

Guest Stars

Robin (last chronological appearance in *Detective Comics* #265; next chronological appearance in *World's Finest Comics* #99)

Roy Raymond (chronologically in between *Detective Comics* #264 and 265)

The Blackhawks (Blackhawk, Stanislaus, Olaf, Andre, Chuck, Hendrickson, and **Chop-Chop;** last chronological appearance of all in the third story in *Blackhawk* #133; next chronological appearance of all in the first story in *Blackhawk* #134)

The Challengers of the Unknown (Ace Morgan, Prof Haley, Red Ryan, and Rocky Davis; last chronological appearance of all in the first story in *Challengers of the Unknown* #6; next chronological appearance of all in the first story in *Challengers of the Unknown* #7)

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Plastic Man ("Eel" O'Brian; first chronological modern appearance; last chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #50; next chronological appearance in *The Brave and the Bold* #76; see Comment below)

The Vigilante (last chronological appearance in flashback in the Vigilante story in *World's Finest Comics* #247; next chronological appearance in issue #78)

Robotman (Robert Crane; first modern appearance; not to be confused with Cliff Steele, the Doom Patrol member; last chronological appearance in *Detective Comics* #202; next chronological appearance in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #31)

Congo Bill and **Congorilla** (both chronologically in between *Action Comics* #249 and 250)

Rex the Wonder Dog (chronologically in between *Adventures of Rex the Wonder Dog* #43 and 44)

Lois Lane (chronologically in between *Action Comics* #249 and 250)

Jimmy Olsen (last chronological appearance in *Action Comics* #249; next chronological appearance in *Superman's Pal, Jimmy Olsen* #35)

Villains

Commander Blanx and his followers (last chronological appearance in flashback in issue #71; next chronological appearance in issue #71)

Guest Appearances

Capt. Harding (last chronological appearance in the Manhunter from Mars story in *Detective Comics* #264; next chronological appearance in the Manhunter from Mars story in *Detective Comics* #265)

Karen Conlin (last chronological appearance in the Roy Raymond story in *Detective Comics* #264; next chronological appearance in the Roy Raymond story in *Detective Comics* #265)

Rip Hunter and **Jeff Smith** (last chronological appearance of both in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #27; next chronological appearance of both in *Showcase* #20)

Adam Strange and **Alanna** (both chronologically in between *Showcase* #18 and 19)

Cameo Appearances

Dr. Erdel (in flashback to J'onn J'onzz's origin)
David Brinkley (on television)

Comments

Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

Special features include "100 Issues Ago in *Justice League of America*," which recaps scenes from issue #44.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

While he is looking through the Justice League casebook, Green Arrow discovers discrepancies in the established "origin" of the team, and asks for the true story, which Superman and Green Lantern relate with the aid of a videotape account narrated by J'onn J'onzz.

In February, 1959, a panic is generated by the revelation of the presence of Martians (specifically J'onn J'onzz and his enemy Commander Blanx and his followers) on Earth. Unable to cope with the situation alone, the Flash, then a mere fledgling as a super-hero, summons the more experienced Superman, Batman, and Robin to help out. When Roy Raymond, telejournalist and host of the "Impossible But True" program, learns of the situation, his public disclosure of the problem instigates a gathering of heroes, including the Blackhawks, the Challengers of the Unknown, Plastic Man, the Vigilante, Robotman, Congo Bill and Congorilla, Rex the Wonder Dog, Aquaman, Wonder Woman, Lois Lane, and Jimmy Olsen. The only prominent character missing is Green Arrow, who is involved in a case that takes him back to the island of his origin (as seen in *Adventure Comics* #256).

The assembled champions divide up into groups to search out further Martian activity: Plastic Man, Jimmy Olsen, and the Blackhawks accidentally run afoul of Rip Hunter's newly invented Time Sphere. Vigilante, Robotman, Congo Bill, Congorilla, Lois Lane, and the Challengers have a near-encounter with Adam Strange and the Zeta-beam. Finally, the remaining heroes discover Blanx and his men, and rescue the captive J'onn J'onzz.

The successful team, with the exceptions of Robin, Roy Raymond, and Rex, consists of the same heroes who will make an agreement to unite formally as the Justice League of America some months later; even the future Green Lantern is present, having encountered the Martians in his identity as test pilot Hal Jordan.

Justice League of America #145

August 1977

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Carnival of Souls" (33 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

Superman and **Hawkman** (both die but are returned to life in this story)

Batman, Wonder Woman, Green Arrow, and **Black Canary**

Red Tornado (last seen in issue #129; returns to life in this story)

Guest Stars

Hawkgirl (last seen in issue #143)

Phantom Stranger (last seen in the second story in issue #139; dies but is returned to life in this story)

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Villains

Count Crystal (first appearance; an evil sorcerer; dies in this story)

Azgore (first and only appearance to date; a demon)

Demons and creatures commanded by Count Crystal and Azgore (first and only appearance of all to date)

Other Characters

Tom Fagan (last seen in issue #103; no further appearance to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Elongated Man, Flash, and Green Lantern do not appear in this story.

The story continues in part in the next issue.

Special features include "100 Issues Ago in *Justice League of America*," which recaps scenes from issue #45.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

A sorcerer, Count Crystal, makes a contract with the demon Azgore for supernatural power upon his defeat and sacrifice of the Justice League members. Invading the JLA satellite, he uses his magic to murder Superman, the member on monitor duty. The Phantom Stranger summons Batman, Wonder Woman, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Hawkman, and Hawkgirl to a seance-like ritual in the hope of returning the Man of Steel to life.

Contacting Superman's spirit, they then set out for the community of Rutland, Vermont (site of many earlier super-hero encounters with the supernatural, including the events of issue #103), from which the Stranger leads them into the extradimensional realm known as the Carnival of Souls. After battling Crystal, a monstrous creature, and devilish carnival rides, the heroes lose their only shield against the villain's magical power when the Phantom Stranger apparently perishes, and Count Crystal abducts Hawkgirl from their midst.

While Hawkgirl turns Crystal's plans to make her his consort against him and rescues her allies, the Phantom Stranger joins Superman in spirit form, and saves him from being consumed by Azgore. Just as the Count kills Hawkman, the demon, furious at its failure to feast on Superman, appears and turns on Crystal, destroying him. The Stranger seizes the moment of the Count's demise to return himself, Superman, and Hawkman to life.

Hawkman and Hawkgirl are reunited, and all is well, when, suddenly, the Red Tornado appears.

Justice League of America #146

September 1977

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Inner Mission" (32 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
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appear in this story.

The story continues in part in the Jimmy Olsen story in *Superman Family* #185.

Special features include "100 Issues Ago in *Justice League of America*," which recaps scenes from issue #46.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

The reactivated Red Tornado is unmasked as the Construct, and deactivated once more. Superman, Batman, and Green Arrow seek information about the first encounter between the Construct and the JLA from Aquaman and Atom in Atlantis, while Hawkman, Hawkgirl, and Black Canary accompany Wonder Woman to Paradise Island, where she uses the Amazons' Memory Chair to remember her own mental subjugation to the Construct's will in its second incarnation.

Regrouping, the heroes discover the Construct's hideaway, but the villain escapes them by transferring its mind elsewhere. The Red Tornado comes to life again, but is unable to convince the members that he is now truly in control of his actions. When he finally does convince Hawkman and the female members, they are too late to prevent the Construct from taking over the minds of the others, and must battle their own teammates.

Finally, the Red Tornado battles the Construct, will-against-will, and the machine-intelligence is destroyed in its attempt to subjugate the android's mind. Wonder Woman ensures that this destruction of the Construct is permanent, Red Tornado is reinstated as a member, and Hawkgirl at last joins the team.

Justice League of America #147

October 1977

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Frank McLaughlin** (inker); **Mike Sekowski** (penciler) and **Bernard Sachs** (inker; vignette only)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Crisis in the 30th Century" (32 Pages)
Chapter 1: "Terror of the Time Plunderer"
Chapter 2: "Crisis on a Cosmic Quest"
Chapter 3: "For What the Bell Tolls . . ."
Chapter 4: "The Final Errand"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotters, scripters: **Paul Levitz** and **Martin Pasko**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, and **Black Canary**

Guest Stars

Power Girl, Dr. Fate, Flash of Earth-2, Green Lantern of Earth-2, and **Hawkman of Earth-2** (all last seen in *All-Star Comics* #68; teamed with Wildcat and Star-Spangled Kid as the Justice Society of America)

Sun Boy and **Shadow Lass** (both last seen in *Superboy*

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, and **Black Canary**

Red Tornado (rejoins the Justice League)

Hawkgirl (joins the Justice League)

Guest Star

Phantom Stranger (appears next in issue #150)

Villains

Construct III (last seen in issue #143; the re-reincarnation of the Construct; destroyed again in this story; appears next in *Red Tornado* #1)

The Construct's Cannons (last seen in issue #142; shown deactivated in this story; no further appearances to date)

Guest Appearance

Queen Hippolyta and one of the **Amazons of Paradise Island** (both last seen in *Wonder Woman* #224; both appear next in the Wonder Woman story in *Adventure Comics* #458)

Jimmy Olsen (last seen in *Action Comics* #474; appears next in *Superman Family* #185)

Lois Lane (last seen in *Superman* #314; appears next in *Superman Family* #185)

Cameo Appearance

Willow (in flashback to issue #142)

Comments

Elongated Man, Flash, and Green Lantern do not

and the Legion of Super-Heroes #232)

Brainiac 5, Princess Projectra, Wildfire, Chameleon Boy, Saturn Girl, and **Lightning Lad** (all last seen in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #233)

Ultra Boy (last seen in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #231; teamed with the above eight characters as the Legion of Super-Heroes)

Villains

Mordru (last seen in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Superboy* #188)

Abnegazar, Rath, and **Ghast** (all last seen in issue #35)

Psycho-Pirate II (last seen in *All-Star Comics* #68)

Extradimensional monsters (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearances

Wildcat and **Star-Spangled Kid** (both in between *All-Star Comics* #68 and 69)

Other Characters

Inhabitants of planet Antares II (first and only appearance to date)

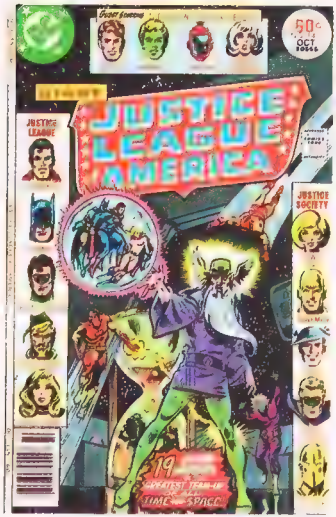
Inhabitants of planet Vaxon (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

The Timeless Ones (in flashback)

Comments

The Justice Society of America was last seen in *All-Star Comics* #68.



The Legion of Super-Heroes was last seen in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #233.

Flash appears only briefly in this story.

Aquaman, Atom, Elongated Man, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Special features include "100 Issues Ago in *Justice League of America*," which recaps scenes from issue #47.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

The Justice Society members are visiting the Justice League briefly, following their battle against the Psycho-Pirate (in *All-Star Comics* #68), when a gigantic magical hand plucks five members from each team out of the satellite, and into the year 2977, where they become pawns of Mordru the Magician, arch-foe of the Legion of Super-Heroes. Mordru has recently captured five Legionnaires, whom he holds hostage until their comrades have secured for him the three mystic artifacts necessary to free the ancient demons, Abnegazar, Rath, and Ghast.

The Legionnaires having failed to return from their missions, the sorcerer now enlists the JLA and JSA heroes to do his bidding, while adding Green Arrow and Black Canary to his group of hostages. Superman, Dr. Fate, and Hawkman of Earth-2 rescue Sun Boy and Wildfire, and secure the Silver Wheel; Batman and the two Green Lanterns aid Brainiac 5 and Princess Projectra in attaining the Green Bell; and Power Girl and the Flash of Earth-2 use their super-speed to enter a limbo-like realm and regain the Red Jar.

Mordru then uses the objects to awaken the three demons, but the evil trio turns on him, and overpowers him.

Justice League of America #148

November 1977

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Crisis in Triplicate" (34 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotters, scripters: **Martin Pasko** and **Paul Levitz**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, and **Black Canary**

Guest Stars

Power Girl, Dr. Fate, Flash of Earth-2, Green Lantern of Earth-2, and **Hawkman of Earth-2** (teamed as the Justice Society of America; all appear next in *All-Star Comics* #69)

Sun Boy, Brainiac 5, and **Shadow Lass** (all appear next in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #235)

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Wildfire, **Princess Projectra**, **Chameleon Boy**, **Saturn Girl**, and **Lightning Lad** (all appear next in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #234)

Ultra Boy (teamed with the above eight characters as the Legion of Super-Heroes; appears next in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #237)

Villains

Abnegazar, **Rath**, and **Ghast** (all appear next in issue #206)

Mordru (appears next, disguised as Ambassador Relnic, in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #241)

Comments

The Justice Society of America appears next in *All-Star Comics* #69.

The Legion of Super-Heroes appears next in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #234.

Aquaman, Atom, Elongated Man, Flash, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

The victorious demons disagree regarding the ultimate fate of the Earth. Abnegazar wishes to leave the world as it is, Rath seeks to enslave the human race, and Ghast holds to their original plan of returning the planet to a primitive state. Since their own powers cancel each other out, the trio force the super-heroes to champion them in a three-way struggle for supremacy. Abnegazar enslaves the Legion, Rath controls the Justice Society, and Ghast takes over the Justice League.

Mordru seizes the opportunity to release Green Arrow and Black Canary from captivity, and Black Canary reasons that if the heroes seem to reach a stalemate in their battles, the demons will be forced to wage personal combat once more, and perhaps cause their own destruction. With all three teams seemingly defeated, Abnegazar and Rath do indeed battle to their mutual obliteration, and the super-heroes are able to combine forces to overcome the surviving Ghast, who is imprisoned by Dr. Fate in the reconstructed JLA satellite.

Justice League of America #149
December 1977

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"The Face of the Star-Tsar" (32 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, and **Red Tornado**

Supporting Character

Snapper Carr (last seen in issue #114; origin retold; disguised as the Star-Tsar in this story)

Villains

Privateer (last seen in issue #143; origin retold)
Dr. Light (last seen in *Action Comics* #474; appears next in *The Brave and the Bold* #147)
The Star-Lords (first appearance; Star-Tsar's henchmen)

Cameo Appearances

Starro, Joker, Scarecrow, and **Chronos** (in flashbacks)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Green Arrow do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Special features include "100 Issues Ago in *Justice League of America*," which recaps scenes from issue #49.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

When Dr. Light discovers the location of one of the Justice League's transporter stations, and gains access to the satellite headquarters, his attack is spoiled by the Privateer's interference. The JLA heroes are unable to prevent the villain's escape, and before they can act further, they and the Privateer are drawn into battle with a mysterious new criminal called the Star-Tsar.

Overcoming his Star-Lord henchmen, the heroes are astonished to discover Snapper Carr at the site. They suspect their former honorary member of being connected with the new villain, but before they can question him satisfactorily, they are again engaged with Dr. Light, who traps them using his Spectriminator weapon. The heroes are freed through the efforts of Green Lantern and the Star-Tsar (who considers Dr. Light an enemy, since their plans for world conquest are mutually exclusive).

Dr. Light is defeated and captured, as is the Star-Tsar, who is unmasked as Snapper Carr.

Justice League of America #150

January 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Key — or Not the Key" (35 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Hawkgirl**

Guest Star

Phantom Stranger (last seen in issue #146; appears next in issue #156)

Supporting Character

Snapper Carr (disguised as the Star-Tsar in this story; appears next in the Supergirl story in *Superman Family* #187)

Villains

Privateer (revealed as the Star-Tsar in this story; no further appearances to date; Richard Rigel becomes Star-Tsar II in issue #181)
The Key (last seen in issue #110; disguised as the Star-Tsar in this story; appears next in issue #191)
The Star-Lords (no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

John Carr and **Janet Carr** (both last seen in issue #114; no further appearances of either to date)
President Jimmy Carter

Cameo Appearances

Dr. Light, Green Lantern (John Stewart), **Joker,** and **Anakronus** (all in flashbacks)

Comments

Hawkman is the chairman of the JLA in this story.

The Justice League members are trapped in their satellite headquarters while Superman battles Amazo in *Action*

Comics #480–483 following this story.
This issue is a 48-page giant.

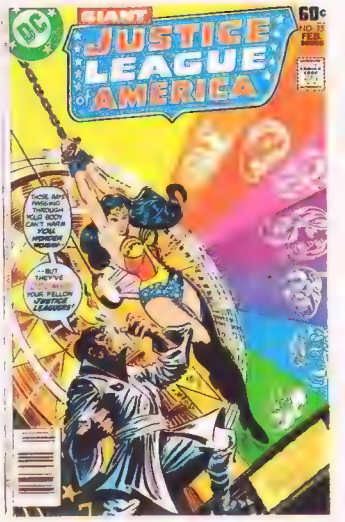
Synopsis

The Star-Lords regroup to free Snapper Carr, alias the Star-Tsar, from the Justice League, and the entire membership of the super-team is assembled to pursue the twin goals of tracking down the villains and researching Snapper's recent past, to learn how he became their enemy.

The Phantom Stranger demurs to participate, but the Privateer agrees to help. Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Arrow, Aquaman, and Atom visit the Carr home and the others unexpectedly encounter another old enemy, the Key, who reveals that he is an ally of the Star-Tsar. While the Key shows how he survived his last battle with the team and was cured of his supposedly fatal illness (see issue #110), Snapper's sister Janet explains how his past association with the JLA had prevented Snapper from succeeding in his own life, so identified was he as the super-team's "mascot." Just then, the Star-Tsar attacks, but retreats to spare his sister.

The group tracks him down, only to be ambushed by a second Star-Tsar. The reunited heroes awaken to find themselves captives of the Key. Snapper explains that the Key had created the Star-Tsar identity and bestowed its powers on Snapper, who wanted revenge on his former friends for ruining his life. The JLA and Snapper escape the Key's traps and capture him, only to have him reveal that he is not the true Star-Tsar, either.

Red Tornado's computer mind recalls that the Privateer had been absent from the group whenever the real villain had appeared, and thus unmasks him as the true enemy. As he takes the Privateer to jail, Superman also proposes a solution to Snapper's problems.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THOSE ARE PASSING THROUGH YOUR BODY CAN'T HURT YOU, MONSTER MORGAN!
BUT THEY'VE YOUR FELLOW JUSTICE LEAGUERS!

Justice League of America #151

February 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Al Milgrom** (penciler) and **Joe Orlando** (inker)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"The Unluckiest League of All" (34 Pages)
Chapter I: "Contact"
Chapter II: "Capture"
Chapter III: "Challenge"
Chapter IV: "Conflict"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Hawkgirl**

Villains

Professor Amos Fortune (last seen, as the Ace of Clubs, in *The Joker* #5; appears next in *Superman* #346)
The Racer (Lord Arthur Arthurson), **Strongman, the Crier, the Acrobat, Cyclone, the Shrinking Man,** and **Water King** (first and only appearance of all to date; villains created by Amos Fortune and teamed as the Luck League)
Amos Fortune's robot (first appearance; destroyed in this story)
The Flame-Thrower Bandits (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearance

Silver St. Cloud (in between *Detective Comics* #474 and 475)

Other Character

The commander of the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Supergirl, Captain Comet, and **Jean Loring** (in flashbacks to *Super-Team Family* #11–14)
Abin Sur (in flashback to Green Lantern's origin)

Comments

The origins of Wonder Woman, Flash, Green Lantern, and Atom are briefly retold in this story.
This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

While the male Justice League members hold a bachelor party to celebrate the Atom's upcoming marriage, Black Canary and Hawkgirl are unable to prevent Wonder Woman from being captured by Prof. Amos Fortune. The

villain then uses the Amazon's magically powered body as a catalyst in a process that allows ordinary people to gain super-powers similar to those of the JLA heroes. Prof. Fortune takes control of the newly created super-people, and sends them against the Justice League, in the process discovering that his allies, in using their abilities, are actually siphoning power from the super-heroes.

Fortunately, Wonder Woman is able to use her tiara to hypnotize Fortune and compel him to use his luck-influencing devices to sabotage the efforts of his own so-called "Luck League," thus ensuring the JLA's triumph.

Justice League of America #152
March 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"2,000 Light-Years to Christmas" (34 Pages)
Chapter 1: "Sow the Whirlwind"
Chapter 2: "Harvest of Fear"
Chapter 3: "The Fear Effect"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**

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A DOUBLE-LENGTH ISSUE-ABOUT FACTORIES-2,000 LIGHT-YEARS TO CHRISTMAS!!
JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA
NO! THE VILLAIN WHO'S CRUSHING THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IS...
...A LITTLE GIRL!?!

Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Cornelia Adams**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Hawkman, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Hawkgirl**

Supporting Character

Traya (first appearance; an orphan child; appears next in issue #156)

Villains

Major Macabre (first and only appearance to date; commander of a private army) and **his followers** (first and only appearance to date; Domingas and Gomez named in this story; Domingas dies in this story)

Other Characters

Three unnamed alien travelers (first and only appearance to date)

Truman Ajax (first and only appearance to date; owner of a chemical plant) and **his plant guards** (first and only appearance to date)

Michael Mason, his wife, and friends (first and only appearance of all to date; environmental crusaders; transformed into monsters in this story)

A group of deer hunters (first and only appearance to date; Philippe named in this story)

A unit of Mid-Eastern soldiers (first appearance; all die in this story)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Black Canary, Flash, Green Arrow, Green Lantern, and Wonder Woman (who is mistakenly depicted on the cover) do not appear in this story.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

Following an accident in space, three alien travelers lose the contents of their mysterious "carrying pouches," which land on various areas of Earth and cause a number of disasters. A stag becomes a rampaging creature, ecological protestors are changed into monsters, and an orphaned child in the Middle East gains supernatural powers.

The Red Tornado calms and befriends the troubled young girl, and the other heroes deal with the remaining threats. But at the same time, Major Macabre, a would-be world conqueror, plans to gather the mystery objects and use them for his own benefit. A final battle is staged between a super-powerful Macabre and the Justice League members, which ends when Red Tornado locates the three aliens, who overcome the villain and retrieve their magical possessions.

Red Tornado draws a parallel for his fellow members between the three aliens and the Christmas story of the three wise men, bearing gifts for the Christ-child.

Justice League of America #153
April 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"Earth's First and Last Super-Hero" (34 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Julius Schwartz
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: George Tuska
Inker: Frank McLaughlin
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Gene D'Angelo

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Black Canary, and Red Tornado

Villains

Maxitron (first appearance; Ultraa's computer enemy; origin revealed; destroyed in this story)

A gang of bank robbers (first and only appearance to date; Frankie, Fred, and Harry named in this story)

Other Characters

Ultraa (first appearance; the first super-hero of Earth-Prime; origin revealed; not to be confused with Ultra the Multi-Alien, who appeared in *Mystery in Space* #103–110, or with Gary Concord, the Ultra-Man, who appeared in *All-American Comics*, or with the villainous Ultraman of Earth-3, who first appeared in issue #29, or with the adult Legion of Super-Heroes member Ultra Man; begins using the alias Jack Grey in issue #201; appears next in issue #158)

Anderson Carey (first and only appearance to date; a scientist; becomes part of Maxitron in this story)

Julius Schwartz (last seen in issue #124; appears next in *Superman* #411)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Elongated Man, Hawkgirl, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

Several Justice League members attend Wally (Kid Flash) West's high school graduation in their civilian identities in *Flash Spectacular* (1978) following this story.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

In the middle of a Justice League meeting, before the unbelieving eyes of Wonder Woman, Red Tornado, and Black Canary, five of their fellow members inexplicably vanish. Superman, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, and Green Arrow reappear on Earth-Prime, where super-heroes exist only in comic-books, and they are unable to return to Earth-1. DC Comics Julius Schwartz explains that certain individuals on Earth-Prime (such as some DC writers) have the ability to affect reality on Earth-1 (as demonstrated by Cary Bates in *The Flash* #228), and that his recent reader-survey to determine the JLA's most popular members may have resulted in those five heroes being transported between Earths.

Meanwhile, Ultraa, an alien youth rocketed to Earth-Prime after the death of his race and raised by Australian aborigines, has emerged as Earth-Prime's first super-hero, and his presence is the force preventing the JLA heroes from returning home. Maxitron, the controlling computer of his ship, has gone insane, and merges with a human scientist to become the first super-villain, Ultraa's counterpart.

A misunderstanding results in a battle among Ultra, Superman, and Green Lantern, but finally the three team up to defeat Maxitron, with Superman and Ultraa exchanging identities to prevent the villain from exploiting their respective weaknesses to red solar energy and ultra-sonic sound.

Realizing that Earth-Prime is not yet ready to have super-beings in its midst, Ultraa returns to Earth-1 with the JLA members.

Justice League of America #154

May 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: Michael William Kaluta (penciler) and Al Milgrom (inker; Signed)
Letterer: Joe Letterese

STORY

"I'll Kill You in Your Dreams" (34 Pages)
Chapter 1: "Dream a Dream of Doomsday"
Chapter 2: "Did You Ever See a Dream — Waking?"
Chapter 3: "When the Dreamers Wake"
Chapter 4: "The Dream-Maker's Destiny"

Credits

Editor, plotter: Julius Schwartz
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Dick Dillin
Inker: Frank McLaughlin
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Jerry Serpe

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Green Arrow, Atom, and Black Canary

Villain

Dr. Destiny (last seen in issue #61; learns the Justice League members' secret identities, but loses that knowledge, in this story; appears next in issue #175)

Guest Appearances

Morgan Edge (in between *Action Comics* #480 and 481)
Iris Allen (last seen in *The Flash* #260; appears next in issue #156)
Jean Loring (last seen in *Super-Team Family* #14)
Alfred Pennyworth (last seen in *Batman* #299; appears next in *The Brave and the Bold* #141)
Jimmy Olsen (last seen in *Superman Family* #188; appears next in *Action Comics* #481)

Cameo Appearances

Lex Luthor and **the Trickster** (both as dream-images and impersonated by Dr. Destiny)

Comments

Aquaman, Elongated Man, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The Justice League joins forces with a plethora of superheroes to save the world in *Showcase* #100 following this story. It should be noted that the events of *Showcase* #100 are not a part of DC history as restructured by the events of the Crisis on Infinite Earths.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

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A DOUBLE-LENGTH THRILLER STARRING THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER-HEROES!
JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA
YOUR STRUGGLES ARE IN VAIN, JUSTICE LEAGUERS! FOR I AM DOCTOR DESTINY, AND IT'S MY DECREE
I'LL KILL YOU IN YOUR DREAMS!
JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA
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Synopsis

Six Justice League members are on hand in their civilian identities for the opening of the ultra-modern Gotham Starscraper Hotel, unaware that Dr. Destiny has turned it into a trap for them. As they sleep, he inflicts Flash, Atom, Superman, Batman, Green Arrow, and Black Canary with dreams in which the use of their powers brings disastrous consequences: Superman's battle with Luthor results in Jimmy Olsen's death; Batman finds himself becoming a winged freak—a true bat-man; Flash's fight with the Trickster ends with his exile in space; Atom's uniform begins to shrink uncontrollably and strangle him; Black Canary's sonic cry causes a building to collapse on her; and Green Arrow is blinded by his own flare-arrow.

The next day, the heroes find their dreams being duplicated in real life, but they escape their various perils, and corner Destiny in his hotel hideaway.

Dr. Destiny, once a normal-appearing human, now resembles a living skeleton, a result of his having lost the ability to dream, after a psychiatrist caused him to lose his previous power to warp reality through dreams. He now tries to use his new ruby materioptikon device to destroy the League members with illusions, but the miniaturized Atom takes over control of the invention, and turns it against the villain.

Justice League of America #155
June 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Al Milgrom** (penciler) and **Jack Abel** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Under the Moons of Earth" (34 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Red Tornado

Guest Star

Jean Loring

Villains

Scientist Oregnu, Warrior Dorth, High Governor Fornag and other inhabitants of planet Regna (first and only appearance of all to date)
Captain Cold (in between *The Flash* #256 and 297)
Ra's Al Ghul (last seen in *Detective Comics* #448; behind the scenes only, being tracked by Batman; appears next in *The Brave and the Bold* #159)

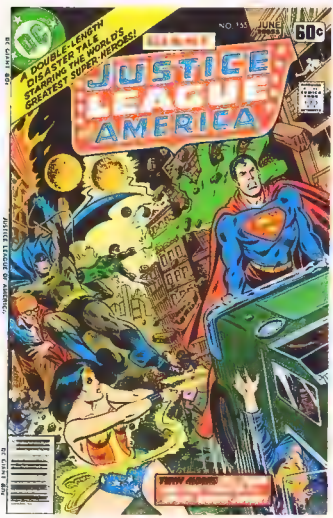
Other Characters

Passengers of an ocean liner (first and only appearance

to date; Eunice named in this story)

An unnamed Ivy Town doctor (first and only appearance to date)

U.S. sailors aboard a nuclear submarine (first and only appearance to date)



Comments

Hawkman and Hawkgirl do not appear in this story.

This story happens simultaneously with the events of *Showcase* #101.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

A second moon appears in Earth's sky, causing worldwide natural catastrophes. Realizing that their two worlds cannot exist in such close proximity, the leaders of Regna, the second moon, which is actually an Earth-like planet, set out to destroy life on Earth. Green Lantern deduces that Regna is actually a world of the Earth's prehistoric past, somehow transferred in time to the present. The Regnans reveal that this happened due to an interplanetary war which also demolished the fifth planet of the solar system, thus creating the asteroid belt.

Superman is able to resolve the situation by transporting Regna into the distant future, when life on Earth is extinct.

Justice League of America #156

July 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Frank Giacoia** (inker; Signed)

Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Fiend with Five Faces" (34 Pages)

Chapter 1: "The Demon from the Depths"

Chapter 2: "The Fury of the Gods"

Chapter 3: "The Undying Evil"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**

Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**

Penciler: **Dick Dillin**

Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**

Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and **Red Tornado**

Guest Star

Phantom Stranger (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #249)

Supporting Character

Traya (last seen in issue #152)

Villains

Ku the War-god, Tane the Nature-god, and **Rongo the Jester** (first and only appearance to date; constitute the gods of Oceania with Mauri the Love-goddess and Tangora the Wise)

Mauri the Love-goddess (first appearance)

The Boxer Bandits (first and only appearance to date)

A pair of muggers (first and only appearance to date; Al named in this story)

Guest Appearance

Jean Loring

Other Characters

Tangora the Wise (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed cab driver (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Green Arrow, Hawkgirl, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

An island rises out of the sea, bringing with it the menace of a five-faced god-like being, four of whose identities set forth to wreak havoc on Earth. These are the ancient gods of Oceania, who had merged into a single entity in order to survive the cataclysm that destroyed their homeland in a past age. Now they live again as individual controllers of men and natural forces.

Alerted to this menace by Aquaman, Flash and Green Lantern battle Tane, the Nature-god, while Batman, Atom, and Red Tornado, and Phantom Stranger investigate the temple where these gods first appeared. Superman battles Ku the War-god, and Black Canary and Elongated Man tangle with Rongo the Jester.

Finally, Phantom Stranger and Red Tornado are able to free the captive fifth god, Tangora the Wise, who recalls his brother deities and restores all to normal, returning the gods in their shared form to the depths of the sea.

Justice League of America #157

August 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Joe Staton** (penciler) and **Frank Giacoia** (inker; Signed)

Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Till Doom Do Us Part" (34 Pages)

Chapter 1: "The Evil Among Us"

Chapter 2: "The Song the Siren Sang"

Chapter 3: "Death in the Name of Love"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**

Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**

Pencilers: **Dick Dillin** (pages 1–3 and Epilogue) and **Juan Ortiz** (Chapters 1–3)

Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**

Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Hawkman (appears only as Carter Hall), **Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado,** and **Hawkgirl** (appears only as Shiera Hall)

Atom (as Ray Palmer marries Jean Loring in this story)

Guest Stars

Jean Loring (learns the Atom's secret identity and becomes Jean Loring Palmer in this story; appears next in issue #188)

Phantom Stranger (appears next in *The Brave and the Bold* #145)

Supergirl (in between *Superman Family* #190 and 191)

Solovar (last seen in *Super-Team Family* #14; appears next in *The Flash Spectacular* 1978)

Supporting Character

Traya (appears next in issue #159)

Villains

Mauri the Love-goddess (also called the Siren in this story; no further appearances to date) and **her slaves** (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearances

Sue Dibny (last seen in the Elongated Man story in *Detective Comics* #465; appears next in the Elongated Man story in *Adventure Comics* #459)

Iris Allen (last seen in issue #154; appears next in *The Flash* #261)

Prof. Alpheus V. Hyatt (last seen in the Atom story in *Five-Star Super-Hero Spectacular* #1; appears next in the Atom story in *Action Comics* #515)

Enrichetta Negrini (last seen in the Atom story in *Action Comics* #448; no further appearances to date)

Mera (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #142; appears next in the Aquaman story in *Adventure Comics* #460)

Carol Ferris (in between *Green Lantern* (second series) #106 and 108)

Adam Blake (last seen, as Captain Comet, in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #11; appears next, as Captain Comet, in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #12)

Cameo Appearances

J'onn J'onzz, Amos Fortune, Tangora the Wise, Ku the War-god, Tane the Nature-god, and Rongo the Jester

Comments

The story continues in part from the previous issue.

This issue is a 48-page giant.

Synopsis

On the eve of his wedding, Ray Palmer, having discussed the problem with his fellow members (as seen in the previous few issues), reveals his secret identity to his bride-to-be, Jean Loring. Meanwhile, the Phantom Stranger interrupts the Justice League's wedding preparations to warn that Mauri the Love-goddess, one of the four god-like foes of their most recent case, had tricked them with an illusion and had not been returned to "hibernation" with her fellow deities.

At the site of the sunken island from where these gods came, Batman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, and Phantom Stranger battle Mauri's new followers, while Green Lantern and Red Tornado, who bring Solovar of Gorilla City to the wedding, have a disastrous encounter with Mauri.

Invading the JLA satellite, the villainess takes control of Superman and all the other male super-heroes. After a heart-to-heart talk with a very distraught Jean Loring, Supergirl, Wonder Woman, and Black Canary join forces to battle the mesmerized heroes, and defeat Mauri, returning her to her "hibernation" state with the aid of the Phantom Stranger.

Then, with the entire League attending in their civilian identities, Ray Palmer and Jean Loring are wed.

Justice League of America #158

September 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Frank Giacoia** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Super-Power of Negative Thinking" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, and Red Tornado

Villains

Abra Kadabra (last seen in the Flash story in *Adventure Comics* #464; disguised as the mystery leader of the Injustice Gang in this story; appears next in *The Flash* #300)

Poison Ivy (last seen in the Wonder Woman story in *World's Finest Comics* #252; appears next in *Batman* #339)

Mirror Master (last seen in *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2, in a story originally intended for the never-published *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #16; appears next in *The Flash* #292)

Scarecrow (last seen in *Batman* #296; appears next in the Robin story in *Detective Comics* #486)

Chronos (last seen in issue #143; appears next in the Atom story in *Action Comics* #516)

Tattooed Man (last seen in issue #143; teamed with the above villains as the Injustice Gang of the World; appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #144)

Other Characters

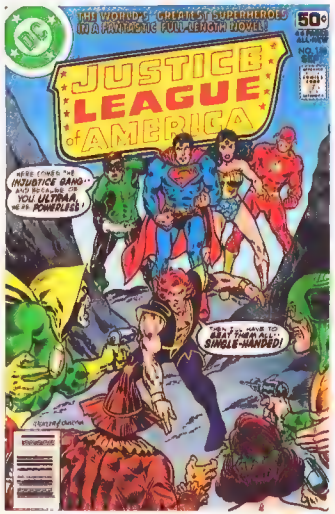
Ultraa (last seen in issue #153; appears next in issue #168)

Unnamed aliens (first and only appearance to date; appear in flashback only)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Green Arrow, Hawkgirl, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

This issue is a 40-page giant.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HERE COMES THE INJUSTICE GANG... AND BEHIND US YOU ULTRAA, WE'RE POWERLESS!
THEY'LL HAVE TO BEAT THEM SINGLE-HANDED!

Synopsis

After his intervention in a battle between JLA members Flash and Wonder Woman and Injustice Gang members Mirror Master and Poison Ivy, Ultraa, the super-hero from Earth-Prime, decides that the very existence of super-powered beings, heroes or villains is a threat to life on Earth. He uses a negative-radiation device to alter the JLA heroes' perceptions so that they are unable to use their powers. His intentions to likewise neutralize the Injustice Gang go awry, and they continue with their mysterious leader's plans to use alien artifacts to gain control of Earth's energy resources.

When Ultraa is defeated as he attempts to battle Poison Ivy, Mirror Master, Chronos, Tattooed Man, and Scarecrow single-handed, Flash, Wonder Woman, Superman, Green Lantern, and Red Tornado must overcome his will-deadening devices to come to his rescue. The Justice League defeats the villains, and their leader is unmasked as Flash's future-dwelling foe, Abra Kadabra.

Justice League of America #159

October 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Crisis from Yesterday" (25 Pages)
Chapter 1: "Warriors from Forever"
Interlude: a dimension bordering on 3786 A.D.
Chapter 2: "Puppets from the Past"
Chapter 3: "When the Heroes Fall—"
Epilogue A: near 3786 A.D.
Epilogue B: 1978 A.D.

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Hawkgirl**

Guest Stars

The Black Pirate (Jon Valor; first modern appearance; last seen in *All-American Comics* #102)
Jon the Viking Prince (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #24)
Jonah Hex (last seen in *Jonah Hex* #16)
Rittmeister Hans von Hammer (Enemy Ace; last seen in *Unknown Soldier* #253)
Miss Liberty (Betty Lynn; last seen in *Tomahawk* #110)
Dr. Mid-Nite, Star-Spangled Kid, and **Wonder Woman of Earth-2** (last chronological appearance of all three in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #27)
Huntress (last chronological appearance in flashback in issue #166; teamed with the above three characters as the Justice Society of America)

Supporting Character

Traya (last seen in issue #157)

Villains

The Lord of Time (last seen in *Karate Kid* #15) and the **Eternity Brain** (first appearance; the Time Lord's living computer)

Guest Appearances

Superman of Earth-2 (last seen in *All-Star Comics* #74)
Flash of Earth-2, Green Lantern of Earth-2, and **Dr. Fate** (last chronological appearance of all three in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #27; appear as additional members of the Justice Society)

Comments

Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Green Arrow, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman (of Earth-2) appear only briefly in this story.

Aquaman does not appear in this story.

The last chronological appearance of the Justice Society of America was in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #27, which follows their appearance in *All-Star Comics* #74.

The story continues in the next issue.

This issue is a 40-page giant.

Synopsis

The Lord of Time launches a scheme to control the flow of time through his living computer, the Eternity Brain, but to correct a fatal flaw in his scheme he is forced to draw five heroes out of the past, give them super-powers,

and pit them against the Justice League and Justice Society. The Viking Prince, Jonah Hex, Miss Liberty, Enemy Ace, and the Black Pirate cause an explosion at the joint meeting of the two teams, which sidelines all but eight members of the groups.

In a follow-up battle, Viking Prince and Black Pirate defeat Flash, Huntress, Dr. Mid-Nite, Elongated Man, and the Earth-2 Wonder Woman, while Superman, Hawkman, and the Star-Spangled Kid fall before the forces of an airborne Enemy Ace, Jonah Hex, and Miss Liberty. Recovering, the heroes set out to avenge this defeat, which is precisely the Time Lord's intention: his irrevocably programmed computer will stop the flow of time forever unless the JLA and JSA can prevent it.

Justice League of America #160

November 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Frank McLaughlin** (inker)
Letterer: Typography

STORY

"Crisis from Tomorrow" (25 Pages)
Chapter 1: "From Out of the Ashes . . ."
Interlude: a dimension adjacent to 3786 A.D.
Chapter 2: "The Reefs of Time"
Chapter 3: "Encounter at the End of Time"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Hawkgirl**

Guest Stars

Jon the Viking Prince and **Miss Liberty** (both appear next in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

Jonah Hex (appears next in *Jonah Hex* #17)

Rittmeister Hans von Hammer (appears next in *Unknown Soldier* #260)

Black Pirate (appears next in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #48)

Dr. Mid-Nite, Star-Spangled Kid, and **Wonder Woman of Earth-2** (all appear next in *Adventure Comics* #462)

Huntress (teamed with the above three characters as the Justice Society of America; appears next in *Adventure Comics* #461)

Supporting Character

Traya (appears next in issue #175)

Villains

The Lord of Time (appears next in issue #198) and the **Eternity Brain** (destroyed in this story)

A multi-armed robot (first appearance; destroyed in this story)

Guest Appearances

Superman of Earth-2 (appears next in *Adventure Comics* #462)

Flash of Earth-2, Green Lantern of Earth-2, and **Dr. Fate** (appear with Superman of Earth-2 as additional members of the Justice Society; all appear next in *Adventure Comics* #461)

Sue Dibny (last seen in issue #157; appears next in the second story in issue #182)

Other Character

An unnamed female doctor and **other personnel of Gotham City General Hospital** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Cameo Appearance

J'onn J'onzz and **Hourman** (in flashback to issue #21)

Comments

Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Green Arrow, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman (of Earth-2) appear only briefly in this story.

The Justice Society of America appears next in *Adventure Comics* #461.

The Justice League consults with Superman in *Action Comics* #489 following this story.

This issue is a 40-page giant.

Synopsis

While Aquaman sees to the comatose JLA and JSA members taken out of action by the explosion (in the pre-

vious issue), the five heroes from the past realize that they have been used as pawns, and attack the Time Lord's extradimensional headquarters, only to be defeated by the Eternity Brain's time-warping powers. When the remaining Justice League and Justice Society members also attack, only to be thrown into the same coma-like state as their comrades, it is up to the Elongated Man, the last remaining hero, to short-circuit the living computer, using his rubber-limbed body. The heroes of the past are returned to their proper time-periods, and the League and Society members are revived.

Justice League of America #161
December 1978

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Frank McLaughlin** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Reverse Spells of Zatanna's Magic-cigaM" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
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AFTER WE ALL VOTED TO ADMIT HER!
IF I'D KNOWN SHE'D ACT LIKE THIS, I WOULDN'T HAVE PROPOSED HER FOR MEMBERSHIP!

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Hawkgirl**
Zatanna (gets new costume and joins the Justice League)

Villain

Warlock (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #42; disguised as Green Lantern in this story; no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

Demons and human **inhabitants of Ys** (all last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #42; no further appearances to date)
A magical double of Zatara (first and only appearance to date; identity revealed in issue #163)

Cameo Appearance

Druid (in flashback to *The Atom* #19)

Comment

Green Arrow is the chairman of the JLA meeting in this story.

Synopsis

No sooner does the Justice League elect Zatanna the Magician as its newest member than she appears at their meeting to violently refuse the honor. Batman seeks out her father, Zatara, and discovers that everything Zatanna had said at the meeting had been reversed, even to the words of her usually backwards mystic incantations.

When he also discovers that the "Green Lantern" who had attended the meeting was an impostor, Batman, together with Green Arrow, Atom, Red Tornado, and Black Canary, follows Zatanna to the other-dimensional world of Ys. There, she has overcome a demon army with the aid of Ys's human inhabitants, and has rescued the real Green Lantern, who had been exchanged magically for the Warlock, ruler of Ys (who had fought GL and Zatanna previously in *Green Lantern* (second series) #42).

The super-heroes defeat the Warlock, and Zatanna joins the Justice League after all.

Justice League of America #162
January 1979

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Creation Conspiracy" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Zatanna**

Villains

Shark (last seen in the Wonder Woman story in *Adventure Comics* #459; in new mutated form; origin retold; appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #126)

The Princes of Prey (first appearance; a vulture, a rodent, and a scorpion mutated into monstrous giants by the Shark; devolved into amoebae in this story)

A banshee (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearance

Zatara (last seen in the Zatanna story in *Adventure Comics* #415)

Other Characters

Staff of a STAR Genetic Research Center (first and only appearance of all to date)

Comments

Green Arrow is the chairman of the JLA in this story.

Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Flash, Hawkgirl, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in part from previous issue and continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Zatanna discovers that she has been under an amnesia-inducing spell, and is unable to recall the reason she had adopted a new costume (first seen in the previous issue). Together with Elongated Man and Red Tornado, she begins an investigation into the whereabouts of the suddenly missing Zatara and the identity of her mother.

At the same time, an attempt to recover a stolen genetic compound sees Green Lantern taken out of action, and Superman, Wonder Woman, and Green Arrow made prisoners of the Shark, now in a new monstrous form (thus circumventing the effects of a command by Wonder Woman, using her magic lasso, in *Adventure Comics* #459 never to resume human form). Escaping, the three Justice League members are able to use the Shark's devices to devolve the villain and his mutated creatures back to their normal forms.

Justice League of America #163
February 1979

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"Concert of the Damned" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

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Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Hawkgirl**

Zatanna (details of her origin and origin of her new costume revealed)

Guest Star

Zatara

Villains

Anton Allegro (first appearance; a mad composer and musician)

Demons conjured up by Anton Allegro (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Lewis Weldon (first and only appearance to date; a famous orchestra conductor)

Anton Allegro's unnamed ex-manager (first appearance; dies in this story)

Dorothy Dumant (first and only appearance to date; Allegro's ex-wife)

Sindella (first appearance; Zatara's wife and Zatanna's mother)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Hawkman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Green Arrow is ambushed in his apartment by Anton Allegro, a mad musical composer whose special synthesizer instrument can summon up magical demons to do his bidding, an invention he uses to seek revenge against those he imagines have wronged him, including once-wealthy financier Oliver Queen.

While the other Justice League members track down Allegro and attempt to save his intended victims, Zatanna and Zatara (whom she has located) probe the recent past to learn the reason for her amnesia. Her new costume, a duplicate of the one worn by her mother, Sindella, proves to be the result of a transformation caused by the supposedly deceased Sindella, in an effort to contact her husband and daughter.

Justice League of America #164

March 1979

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)

Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Murder by Melody" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**

Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**

Penciler: **Dick Dillin**

Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**

Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

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Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Hawkgirl**

Zatanna (more details of her origin, including the courtship of Zatara and Sindella, revealed)

Guest Star

Zatara

Villains

Anton Allegro (appears next in issue #237)

Highlord and the Hidden Ones (first appearance; a race of sorcerers of which Sindella is a member; Roca, a child sentry, named in this story)

King Inferno (first appearance; an old enemy of Zatara; dies in flashback in this story)

Other Characters

Sindella

Two Turkish farmers (first and only appearance to date; appear in flashback only)

Comments

Wonder Woman is the chairman of the JLA meeting in this story.

Aquaman, Atom, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

With Zatanna's aid, the Justice League defeats Allegro, and appropriates his magical synthesizer, which she uses to trace her mother's spell to an area in northern Turkey. Zatara reveals that it was there that he and Sindella first met years before. In Turkey, the JLA members discover a hidden city, home of a race of magically powered humans—Sindella's race—who now hold Zatanna's mother prisoner.

Justice League of America #165
April 1979

Cover Credits

Artists: **Jose Luis Garcia Lopez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"A Mother of Magic" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Julius Schwartz**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkgirl, and Zatanna

Guest Star

Zatara

Villains

Highlord (no further appearances to date) and the **Hidden Ones**

Other Characters

Sir Hugo Holcraft (first and only appearance to date; a fellow of the Royal Archeological Society and an authority on mystic legends)
Sindella (dies in this story)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

The origin of Homo magus, a race of magically powered humans who are the ancestors of the Hidden Ones, is revealed in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

The JLA is beaten by the magic of Sindella's people, the Hidden Ones, and taken captive. Zatara and Zatanna are reunited with Sindella, who reveals that she is the one person born in her generation of Homo magus whose brain possesses the "Medulla Jewel," the secret power source of the mystic city, which necessitates her death so that the city may continue to exist.

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Meanwhile, a recuperated Green Arrow and Red Tornado (injured in earlier issues) research the magical race through the JLA computers, and discover that Homo sapiens and Homo magus of opposite sexes experience a fatal mutual attraction on first meeting. Joining their comrades in Turkey, they reveal that the warriors the escaped Justice League members had been battling are not the true

Hidden Ones after all, since true members of Homo magus cannot battle humans face-to-face without being romantically smitten.

Realizing that Zatanna shares her destiny of death, Sindella uses the last of her power to shatter the Medulla Jewel, destroying the army fighting the Justice League, and taking her own in the process.

Justice League of America #166
May 1979

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"The Long Way Home" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Ross Andru**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe** (name misspelled in credits)

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Zatanna**

Villains

The Secret Society of Super-Villains (**Wizard, Blockbuster, Reverse-Flash, Floronic Man** (also called Plant-Master in this story), and **Star Sapphire II**; all last seen in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #15; also appear in flashback to *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2, in a story originally intended for the never-published *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #16)

Guest Appearances

Zatara (appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #18)

Dr. Mid-Nite and **Atom of Earth-2** (both last seen in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #15; both appear in flashback to *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2, in a story originally intended for the never-published *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #16; next chronological appearance of both in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #27)

Dr. Fate and **Star-Spangled Kid** (both last seen in *All-Star Comics* #74; both appear in flashback to *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2; next chronological appearance of both in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #27)

Flash of Earth-2 (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #460; appears in flashback to *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2; next chronological appearance in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #27)

Green Lantern of Earth-2 (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #112; appears in flashback to *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2; next chronological appearance in flashback to *Infinity, Inc.* #27)

Huntress (last seen in *All-Star Comics* #74; appears in flashback to *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2; teamed with the above six heroes as the Justice Society of America; next chronological appearance in issue #159)

Other Characters

The Hidden Ones (no further appearances to date)
Sindella (deceased; her funeral is shown in this story)

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Cameo Appearance

Traya (as an image on a monitor)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Hawkgirl, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

The Justice Society of America was last seen in *All-Star*

Comics #74.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

While the other members attend Sindella's funeral, Red Tornado is ambushed in the JLA satellite by the Secret Society of Super-Villains, who materialize in the transporter, following their escape from Earth-2 (after the events of *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #15).

When the Justice League heroes attack, the Secret Society members are able to switch bodies with them, using an ancient griffin statue with mystical attributes. The Wizard becomes Superman, Blockbuster becomes Batman, Reverse-Flash becomes Green Lantern, Star Sapphire becomes Zatanna, and Floronic Man becomes Woman Woman, while the defeated heroes take on the appearances of the five villains.

Other Character

An unnamed helicopter pilot (first appearance)

Comments

Black Canary, Elongated Man, Flash, and Hawkman appear only briefly in this story.

Aquaman, Atom, and Hawkgirl do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

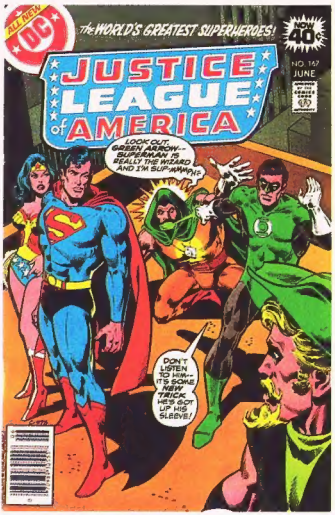
Synopsis

Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna, now in the bodies of the Secret Society members, escape imprisonment aboard the JLA satellite, and attempt to return to their true forms. Using the supervillains' powers, they overcome Red Tornado (who naturally mistakes them for the real villains) and learn the location of the Secret Society headquarters from an incarcerated former member, Hijack. However, their attack is foiled by the appearance of the remaining Justice League heroes, who have been alerted by the five villains masquerading as members. All the heroes-turned-villains are captured except Zatanna, who escapes in the guise of Star Sapphire.

Justice League of America #167
June 1979

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**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STORY

"The League That Defeated Itself" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Ross Andru**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Zatanna**

Villains

The Secret Society of Super-Villains (Wizard impersonates Superman, Blockbuster impersonates Batman, Floronic Man (also called Plant-Master in this story) impersonates Wonder Woman, Reverse-Flash impersonates Green Lantern, and Star Sapphire II impersonates Zatanna—and vice-versa—in this story)

Ernest Sloane (first appearance; a lawyer employed by the World Citizen's Defense Society; first name revealed in issue #169; revealed as a disguised humanoid portion of the Over-Complex in issue #169)

Hijack (formerly Jack of Clubs; a former member of both the Royal Flush Gang and the Secret Society of Super-Villains; last seen in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #3; no further appearances to date)

An Explanation of the DC Comics Index

This is the fourth in an ongoing series of comprehensive indexes to all of the DC Comics to appear since the company began publishing in 1935. In this series, we intend to examine every issue of every DC comic book and to provide you with a color reproduction of the comic's cover, a complete listing of the creative people involved in producing the comic, a complete listing of all of the characters who appear in each story, a summary of what happened in each adventure, and various other information.

It is our goal that every DC comic title will get a series of *The DC Comics Index* devoted solely to it. Heroes who have headlined in more than one title – notably, Superman and Batman – will have a separate series of the *Index* devoted to each title. In the case of some (but not all) features which have migrated from one title to another – such as *Legion of Super-Heroes*, which appeared in *Adventure Comics*, *Action Comics*, and *Superboy* before being awarded a comic bearing the name of the feature – we will bring together all appearances of the feature in one index series. Maxi-Series, Mini-Series, and features with short life spans will be indexed in related groups.

All comics indexed in a series will run in serial order, beginning with the first issue or the earliest issue that features the series being indexed. For instance, *The Official Superman Index* will begin with *Superman* #1, while *The Official Teen Titans Index* will begin with *The Brave and the Bold* #54, the first comic to feature the group of heroes who would become the Teen Titans. Non-DC Universe stories that appear in DC Comics are not fully indexed or synopsized. Each of the index series is as self-explanatory as possible. Some of the criteria we used to create an index entry are provided below.

Cover Credits

It usually takes many people to produce a comic book cover, from conception and design through coloring and production, and it is impossible to credit them all. The Artist, responsible for the basic execution of the cover, does the lion's share of the work. If more than one artist works on a cover, some usually pencil and the others usually ink. The artist sometimes works from someone else's layout or design, and sometimes someone else touches up or redraws parts of the picture. Design work, layouts, touch-ups, and other ancillary work are not usually credited in the Cover Credits.

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Records of artists and letterers are sometimes unavailable, particularly for covers that appeared many years ago, so the identities of some cover artists and letterers are the best guesses that the indexers and DC's current editors and art staff can make. Credits other than Artist or Artists and Letterer appear where known.

Story Information

Story titles are given as they appear on the title pages, not as on the covers or in coming attractions. When a story lacks a title or title page (a rare occurrence), a note to this effect appears as a Comment.

Story credits are taken from the credits as published. As with cover credits, it is impossible to credit everybody who worked on a story, but whenever additional information is available, it appears in the *Index*. If the published credits in a story are incorrect, the *Index* corrects them wherever possible.

Characters

All major characters, and most minor ones, are classified into seven categories, although all seven may not be needed to fully index a story. Bystanders, random police officers, random gangsters, background characters, and so forth, are not usually listed unless they appear elsewhere in more prominent roles.

The seven character categories are: Feature Characters, characters to whom the title of the feature refers; Guest Stars, characters from other comics who have a major role in the story; Supporting Characters, characters who appear frequently in stories with the feature character(s); Villains, the antagonists of the feature character(s); Guest Appearances, characters from other comics who have a minor role in the story; Other Characters, characters who do not fall into any of the five previous categories; and Cameo Appearances, characters who do not actually appear in a story but whose images are seen, for example, in photographs, flashbacks, or reminiscences.

The Feature Character is listed only when not obvious from the title of the comic. For example, Superman is always the only feature character in his own comic, but the lineup of the Justice League of America changes occasionally, which requires a Feature Character listing for each indexed issue of *Justice League of America*. Guest Stars are usually major characters who have their own comics, but any character can be a Guest Star. The only qualifications are that the character not usually appear in the comic and that he or she take a major role in the story that is not antagonistic to the feature character(s). A Guest Appearance may be very brief; even a one-panel appearance or an off-panel appearance (for example, in a telephone conversation) counts, as long as the character is physically present.

"Behind the scenes" describes characters who don't appear in a story but whose influence is felt, as, for example, when a Villain works through agents.

There are two different kinds of flashbacks: (1) flashbacks to stories previously told (all of the characters appearing in the flashback are listed under Cameo Appearances unless they make physical appearances elsewhere in the story) and (2) flashbacks to events previously untold (appearances of all the characters in the flashback are treated as physical appearances; many origins are told in such flashbacks, for example). Parenthetical notes to characters' names in the listings explain these special appearances.

Chronology

A time line for all of DC's comics that allows proper chronological ordering of the appearances of every DC character is far from complete. Nevertheless, some appearances are known to precede or follow others. Whenever chronological information is known reliably but is not obvious from the continuity of the stories, it is noted in parentheses. "First appearance" accompanies a character's listing when the comic is the earliest one in which the character appears. A first appearance is not necessarily a character's chronologically earliest appearance, which might occur, for example, in an origin flashback first told many years later. As a general rule, in the case of feature characters who are members of a team but who also appear in their own features or comics, issue-by-issue chronological notations for these characters are made in the indexes to their own features, not in the index to the team feature. For instance, Superman's chronology is noted in *The Official Superman Index*, not in *The Official Justice League of America Index*.

A casual reading of a few Plot Synopses will make it abundantly clear that a whole month does not usually pass for the characters in between monthly issues of a comic. Many issues begin hours or even minutes after the previous month's story. Consequently, a character who has had his own feature for ten years will not have aged ten years in the time it took for those comics to come out. As for trying to determine in what year a given adventure takes place, there's no conclusive answer. Specific dates that appear in stories, as well as mention of current events and popular culture, depictions of contemporary fashions, and usage of contemporary slang, are all what is known as Topical References. These are specific details added by a writer or artist to a story to make it seem current at the time the story is being published. They are not necessarily indicators of when – what year or even what decade – a story took place.

A Personal Note

As should be obvious to anyone owning both this work and *The Official Marvel Comics Index*, the format and design of this book (not to mention the wording of this introduction) owe a great debt to my good friend, George Olshevsky, author of the Marvel Index series, with whose permission I have appropriated both his layout and his succinct prose.

Anyone wishing to contact me with comments, criticisms, and/or additional data for inclusion in possible future updates may do so at the address below. My thanks to all those who have already written to me. It is unfortunately impossible for me to reply to each of you personally, but rest assured that your comments are read and carefully considered.

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